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# News Release

## **Madison man gets 12½ years for distributing child pornography**

MADISON, Wis. — A 59-year-old Madison man was sentenced yesterday to more than 12 years in federal prison, to be followed by lifetime supervised release, for distributing child pornography. This sentence is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Stephen Wainwright, of 3514 Richard St., Madison, was sentenced to 151 months by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz.

ICE agents and the Madison Police Department executed a search warrant at Wainwright's residence Oct. 23, 2005. A subsequent forensic analysis of Wainwright's computer revealed that he distributed child pornography through an AOL e-mail account on May 11, 2004.

At sentencing, Judge Shabaz stated that the defendant deserved a long prison term due to the large volume of child pornographic images on his computer, and in order to protect the community. The court also noted that Wainwright had a prior conviction for criminal sexual abuse of a minor in 1987.

The investigation into Wainwright's activities was part of Operation Predator, an ongoing ICE enforcement initiative to identify, investigate, arrest and, in the case of foreign nationals, deport child sex predators. Since the initiative began in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 8,300 individuals nationwide, including more than 225 in the State of Wisconsin.

"We will use all the resources at our disposal to identify, investigate and prosecute those individuals who attempt to prey on unsuspecting children," said Brian Falvey, resident agent-in-charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Milwaukee.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell, Western District of Wisconsin, successfully prosecuted this case.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

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